

(a) whether Government are aware that people of Orissa are very much agitated due to non-development and maintenance of National Highway-215;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in repair and development of the National Highway; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to allocate adequate funds to complete the work pertaining to development and repair of the National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:

(a) There is no information regarding agitation by people of Orissa due to non-development and maintenance of National Highway No. 215.

(b) Does no arise.

(c) Works to the tune of Rs 12.38 crores have been sanctioned for improvement of about 81km. length of this National Highway. Further development works on NH-215 will be taken up in phases. For development and maintenance of National Highways in Orissa a sum of Rs. 70 crores and 35.11 crores respectively have been allotted to the State Government which includes development and maintenance of National Highway No. 215 also.

**Conversion of State Roads into National Highways in Gujarat**

1344. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of ROADTRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for conversion of State roads into National Highways received from Gujarat from 1997 to 2001;

(b) the proposals approved so far;

(c) the length of roads, falling under National Highways, State and Union Territory-wise;

(d) the road length per 100 square kilometers, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) whether Government propose to provide more allocation to those States which are below national average of road length in terms of National Highways?

[29 November, 2001)

RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]:

(a) and (b) During the Ninth Plan period, the Ministry had received 25 proposals relating to declaration of new National Highways in Gujarat, out of which 11 routes with approximate length of 830 kms. were declared as new National Highways.

(c) and (d) A Statement giving details is enclosed. (*See below*).

(e) The allocation of funds for the development of National Highways in different States including Gujarat is made on the basis of bank of sanction, progress of works, budget provisions etc. for a particular State and not merely on the basis of length of National Highways.

**Statement**

*Total Length of roads alongwith length of National Highways, State and Union Territory-wise*

Sl. No.	Name of State	Total Length (in Kms.)	Length of National Highways in Km/100 sq km
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4038	1.47
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	392	0.47
3.	Assam	2836	3.62
4.	Bihar	3301	3.50
5.	Chandigarh	24	21.05
6.	Chhattisgarh	1830	1.35
7.	Delhi	72	4.86
8.	Goa	269	7.05
9.	Gujarat	2461	1.26
10.	Haryana	1361	3.08
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1188	2.13

SI. No.	Name of State	Total Length (in Kms.)	Length of National Highways in Km/IOOsqkm
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	823	0.37
13.	Jharkhand	1614	2.02
14.	Karnataka	3570	1.86
15.	Kerala	1440	3.71
16.	Madhya Pradesh	4608	1.49
17.	Maharashtra	3626	1.18
18.	Manipur	954	4.27
19.	Meghalaya	717	3.20
20.	Mizoram	927	4.40
21.	Nagaland	369	2.23
22.	Orissa	3301	2.12
23.	Pondicherry	53	10.71
24.	Punjab	1533	3.08
25.	Rajasthan	4597	<b>1.34</b>
26.	Sikkim	62	0.87
27.	Tamil Nadu	3758	2.89
28.	Tripura	400	3.81
29.	Uttaranchal	1093	1.92
30.	Uttar Pradesh	4924	2.07
31.	West Bengal	1951	2.20
All India		58112	1.77

**PNfs National Highways Development Project**

1345. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: